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- 1. EMBASSY LEARNED SEPTEMBER 24 THAT ARBATOV IS RECONSIDERING HIS ACCEPTANCE OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORKING GROUP IN FIELD OF SCIENCE POLICY ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAS TOO MANY OTHER COMMITMENTS MAKING DEMANDS ON HIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO BERDENNIKOV OF SCST, KIRILLIN IS STILL TRYING TO PERSUADE ARBATOV TO ACCEPT DESPITE LATTER'S RESISTENCE. BERDENNIKOV SAID THIS MATTER, AS SO MANY OTHERS, / 8 -2AITING RETURN OF KIRILLIN TO WORK AFTER HIS RECENT OPERATION. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE TRANSMITTED BECKLER LETTER (REF A, WITH FIRST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER DELEATED) TO SKLYAROV. ACCORDING TO BERDENNIKOV, SOVIET SIDE (AND SKLYAROV IN PARTICULAR) FULLY AGREE WITH PROPOSALS MADE IN BECKLER-AYKAZYAN LETTER OF MAY 31, 1973.
- 2. AFTER RESOLUTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION, BERDENNIKOV BELIEVES THAT STUDY PLAN FROM SOVIET SIDE CAN BE QUICKLY TRANSMITTED, PROBABLY BEFORE OCTOBER 22. HE SEES NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IN ASSEMBLING WORKING GROUP FOR MEETING IN EARLY NOVEMBER, BUT INDICATED THAT SOVIET PLAN WAS TO HAVE THIS MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, SINCE FIRST MEETING WAS IN MOSCOW. ALGHOUGHT SCST APPEARS RELATIVE INDIFFERENCE TO LOCATION OF MEETING, WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION OF US SIDE TO WASHINGTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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